

IN THE DRAWINGS

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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated 23 August 2004, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. Claims 23-31 and 36-65 are pending in the application. Claims 26-28, 36, 37, 39-46, 51-53, 55-58, 63, and 65 are allowed. Claims 23-25, 29-31, 38, 47-50, 54, 59-62, and 64 were rejected, and will be canceled upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 26-28, 36, 37, 39-46, 51-53, 55-58, 63, and 65 remain pending in the application, and these claims are not amended herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims. The Office Action indicated that claims 26-28, 36, 37, 39-46, 51-53, 55-58, 63, and 65 are allowed.

Objection to the Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings with respect to claims 23, 25, 29, 30, 38, 47-49, 50, 54, 59, and 61. Claims 23, 25, 29, 30, 38, 47-49, 50, 54, 59, and 61 will be canceled upon entry of the present amendment.

Rejection under §112

Claims 23-25, 29-31, 38, 47-50, 54, 59-62, and 64 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Claims 23-25, 29-31, 38, 47-50, 54, 59-62, and 64 will be canceled upon entry of the present amendment.

CONCLUSION

The applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at 612-373-6973 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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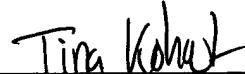
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